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The next round is at Snetterton on August 7.

RACHAEL Boyling and Paul Morgan took a clean sweep of trophies at

Swansea's closed, junior tennis tournament.

After convincingly winning both under-14 and under-16 titles, they combined to take the under-16 mixed, also adding the under-16 girls doubles and under-14 boys doubles with Tina Karas and Simon Phillips.

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Busy Tim clocks up the miles

Western Mail Reporter

WELSH MOTOR racing star Tim Davies has a gruelling race schedule over the Easter weekend which takes him to Oulton Park and Silverstone in the Formula Ford 2000 British Championship, writes Chris Jones.

Davies won the first round of the championship at Brands Hatch and his practice times at Oulton Park are encouraging.

He said, "We tested last week and I was able to lap the 1.6 miles circuit in 60 seconds which is 1.2 seconds under the existing lap record. Our recent sessions at Silverstone were rained off so we did not learn much.

"Oulton will require low gear ratios and more angle on the front fins and rear wings. That will all have to change for Silverstone. I believe we will have the advantage and I hope to be able to pick up some points."

Oulton Park stages the first race tomorrow afternoon on the twisting parklands course with Silverstone, an old airfield, on Easter Monday. Davies will be putting everything in to his Penistone Reynard machine.

It's sad day for Davies

LAMPETER'S racing driver Tim Davies saw his early season lead in the British Formula Ford 2000 championship slip away at Donnington Park yesterday.

Driving with his right arm in plaster and with special padding for his back following a crash in the last round three weeks ago, Davies was fastest in the dry morning practise sessions.

With the race held on a rain-soaked track, however, the plaster cast clearly interfered with his gear changing.

Despite the padding to his back, Davies found the pain too much and slipped back to finish ninth — handing the championship lead to Maurice Gugelmin, who won the race and moved a point ahead of Davies.

Davies lead is trimmed

Lampeter's Tim Davies had his lead in the British Formula Ford 2000 championship trimmed from 64 to 61 points after finishing fourth in the 14th round at Snetterton on Sunday. The next round in the 24-race series is at Donnington Park on August 14.

Lampeter ace in sight of title

Lampeter's Tim Davies the British Formula Ford 2000 Championship leader will be at the Thruxton circuit on Monday for the 17th round, looking to wrap up a tough August programme with a win.

Although Davies has seen his lead trimmed several times recently, the series is coming to an end and he holds a 43-point lead.

Meanwhile, at Brands Hatch, Karl Jones — also from Lampeter — is leading the John Player Champion of Brands series that has prizes of £1,000 and a Formula One test drive for the winner.

Davies in command

LAMPETER'S TIM Davies put himself in complete command of the 1983 British Formula Ford 2,000 Championship by winning the third round at Silverstone yesterday.

Davies damaged the engine of his Penistone Reynard after straining it to the limit during his win at Oulton Park

on Friday but after a weekend rebuild he found it in perfect form and had everything under control to win by three seconds.

The next round is at Snetterton on April 17 a circuit that Davies has been particularly impressive at during closed season testing.

Tim still in front

WELSHMAN TIM Davies still leads the British Formula 4 2000 championships despite being forced off the track at Cadwell Park last weekend.

Davies, who qualified with the third fastest time in practice for the race, was involved in an accident with Keith Fine and Maurice Gugelmin on the first corner of the course.

Fine tried to squeeze past the inside

of Davies's car as the Welshman battled with Gugelmin for the lead. An accident was inevitable and all three cars were forced out of the race.

The race was re-started and finally won by Irishman Dave Donnelly. But Davies still retains his lead at the top of the championship table with 78 points, with Gugelmin trailing in second with 61 points.

Bonus for Welsh motor racing fans

APART from the regular performers, there will be a bonus for Welsh motor racing fans at Castle Combe on Saturday with Tim Davies of Lampeter continuing his bid for the British Formula Ford 2000 championship.

If he wins on Saturday he will be close to taking the most important title to fall to a Welshman since Phil Kempe of Rhiwderin won the Dunlop/Autosport Star of Tomorrow title in 1981.

Davies tried to win that championship in 1978 but withdrew halfway through the season. However, he leads the 1983 British 2000 championship by 66 points and a win on Saturday would put him in a strong position with only four races left.

In addition to Davies there are two other Welshmen capable of taking victory on Saturday.

Vital day for Tim Davies

THERE is a full motor racing programme at Castle Coombe tomorrow and top of the bill will be the British Formula Ford 2000 championship which Lampeter's Tim Davies leads by 66 points.

Davies is hoping to give Wales its biggest win in motor racing since Jack Rex Lewis won the British Formula Two Championship in 1969.

He could wrap up the title with a win at Castle Combe and in the next round at the European Grand Prix meeting at Brands Hatch.

Castle Combe, near Chippenham, is the nearest circuit to his home at which Davies will be competing. The first race is at 2pm.

and debutant Tony Ray of Newport, there was little to